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At a Glance

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- The U.S. formally exits the World Health Organization.
- New research outlines benefits and safety of shingles, childhood vaccines.
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Detailed Brief

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- The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)—the leading U.S. medical organization for pediatric healthcare—[published](#) its 2026 recommended childhood and adolescent immunization schedule on Monday, Jan. 26.
 - The medical group [no longer endorses](#) the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) recommended schedule.
- The 2026 AAP immunization schedule has been [endorsed](#) by 12 leading medical and health organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), American Medical Association (AMA), and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP).
- Additionally, the [majority of states](#) (28, including Washington, DC) have now said that they will not follow all or some of the CDC childhood vaccine recommendations, with most indicating they will follow AAP's recommendations.

The U.S. formally exits the World Health Organization.

- Last Thursday (Jan. 22), the United States officially [completed its withdrawal](#) from the World Health Organization (WHO), ending 78 years of continuous membership.
- The withdrawal followed a yearlong notice period triggered by an [executive order](#) signed by President Trump on Jan. 20, 2025, directing the U.S. to exit the organization, which leads the

coordination of international efforts to monitor disease, respond to health-related emergencies, set health standards, and support countries in improving population health.

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- Two large population-based analyses of Canadians over age 70 found that adults who received the shingles vaccine [had a lower risk](#) of developing dementia or experienced delayed onset compared with unvaccinated individuals.
- A U.S. study of over 2,000 children under age 4 [found no association](#) between routine childhood vaccines—including those containing aluminum adjuvants—and the development of epilepsy.

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- As of Jan. 23, the U.S. has confirmed [518 measles cases](#) since Jan. 1, 2026—a sharp increase compared with just [19 cases](#) reported during the same period in 2025.
- The majority of U.S. cases remain concentrated in South Carolina, which has officially become the [largest outbreak](#) in the U.S. since measles was declared eliminated in 2000.

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